

House Resolution 39

By: Representative Dickey of the 140<sup>th</sup>

#### A RESOLUTION

1 Honoring the life and memory of Deputy Michael Andrew Norris and inviting his family to  
2 be recognized by the House of Representatives; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, the State of Georgia mourns the loss of one of its most distinguished citizens  
4 with the passing of Deputy Michael Andrew Norris on September 14, 2014, when he was  
5 shot and killed in the line of duty; and

6 WHEREAS, Deputy Norris was born on January 5, 1990, in Upson County, Georgia, a  
7 beloved son of Bennet and Fran Norris; and

8 WHEREAS, he graduated from Mary Persons High School in 2008 before studying criminal  
9 justice at Gordon State College, where he earned his associate's degree; and

10 WHEREAS, Deputy Norris worked for two years as a jail officer for the sheriff's department  
11 and served as a school resource officer at K. B. Sutton Elementary School for the 2013-2014  
12 school year before transferring to the patrol division of the Monroe County Sheriff's  
13 Department in June, 2014; and

14 WHEREAS, a man of deep and abiding faith, Deputy Norris was an active member of  
15 Culloden Primitive Baptist Church; and

16 WHEREAS, Deputy Norris was a member of PBA, the Boy Scouts of America, and Delta  
17 Water Fowl; and

18 WHEREAS, he was united in love and marriage to Logan Norris and was blessed with loving  
19 parents; grandparents, Edd and Jeanelle Norris and Franklin and Betty Pierson; a brother and  
20 sister-in-law, Brandon and Charlotte Norris; and two nieces, Isabella and Sydney Norris; and

21 WHEREAS, Deputy Norris gave to others selflessly and always brought smiles to the faces  
22 of those who knew him and helped people in need, expecting nothing in return; and

23 WHEREAS, he gave inspiration to many through his high ideals, morals, and deep concern  
24 for his fellow citizens, and the devotion, patience, and understanding he demonstrated to his  
25 family and friends were admired by others; and

26 WHEREAS, he was a person of magnanimous strengths with an unimpeachable reputation  
27 for integrity, intelligence, fairness, and kindness, and by the example he made of his life, he  
28 made this world a better place in which to live; and

29 WHEREAS, in his final act of service, Deputy Norris donated all his organs so that they  
30 might help others; and

31 WHEREAS, a compassionate and generous man, Deputy Michael Andrew Norris will long  
32 be remembered for his love of family and friendship, and this loyal husband and friend will  
33 be missed by all who had the great fortune of knowing him.

34 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that  
35 the members of this body join in honoring the life and memory of Deputy Michael Andrew  
36 Norris and invite his family to be recognized by the House of Representatives at a date and  
37 time to be determined by the Speaker of the House of Representatives.

38 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized  
39 and directed to make appropriate copies of this resolution available for distribution to the  
40 family of Deputy Michael Andrew Norris.